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NEW HOSPITAL FOR ANDOVER

Private Interests Take Over Martha Washington Lodge Owned by American Woolen Company—Will Open Hospital the First of the Year

The movement for an Andover Hospital which was agitated to a considerable degree about two years ago, is to bear fruit but in this case it will be operated by private interests. Announcement was made this week that the Martha Washington Lodge occupied as a dormitory by the girls employed in the Administration Building of the American Woolen Company in Shawheen Village until the removal of the Office to Boston is to be opened January 5 as a private hospital.

Mrs. George Snow, who has conducted the Snow Sanatorium on Florence street for about a year has found that her quarters have become too small for accommodation of local patients desiring treatments and has leased the Martha Washington Lodge from the American Woolen Co.

The Lodge is ideally located for such an institution. It is situated at the corner of Burnham road and Argyle street and with a southern exposure readily lends itself to easy transformation from a dwelling to a hospital. The building is a two-story structure of brick construction it was remodeled in up-to-date fashion by the late William M. Wood during the reconstruction of Shawheen Village. There are about twenty-five rooms available and the equipment medical, culinary and sanitary, is not surpassed by any hospital in this section.

Mrs. Snow, who is assisted by her two daughters both graduate nurses, is having the necessary changes made which include a new heating plant and a modern operating room. She will be able to care for all kinds of cases and with the assured support of local physicians believes the new venture will be a success.

Friendly Maids to Give Concert

Monday evening, January 16, the Friendly Maids, the radio's well-known broadcasters, will appear in the Andover town hall, under the auspices of the Andover Square and Compass Club.

The Friendly Maids will give a delightful concert from 8 to 9 p.m., after which they will furnish music for dancing which will be enjoyed until midnight.

This is the Friendly Maids' first appearance in this section. Many people have probably heard them, but now is the chance to see them in action.

The committee in charge is: Harrison Brown, William Mideley, J. R. Kimball, Kirk Batcheller, Fred Morrison, Harry Sellars and George S. Wiswall.

Junior Clan Rehearses for Minstrel Show

Junior Clan, 6, met in Fraternal hall Tuesday evening. One new member was initiated. Following the meeting a rehearsal was held for the minstrel show which will be staged in Fraternal hall Tuesday evening January 10 at 7:30 o'clock. Tickets will be out shortly.

This show is to be directed by George Petrie assisted by his daughter Miss Margaret Petrie.

"THE SHORT BALLOT"

Senator Bacon Asks Women Voters to Carefully Consider Plans for Change in Primary System

"There is a good deal of dissatisfaction with the present primary system," declared Senator Gaspar Bacon, addressing a meeting of the Andover League of Women Voters Tuesday afternoon at the Phelps House.

"While no one is advocating a return to the old convention method, a great many people feel that a combination of the good points of the old and new way might offer a solution to the problem. Though men and women everywhere are interested and count this one of the important election matters, there is as yet no unanimity of opinion, no large group has agreed on a remedy."

Senator Bacon quoted Prof. Monroe as saying in his book on "Government of the United States," that the new method of nomination has had a fair trial and has proven a safeguard against the worst fault of the old convention system, namely, the selection of corrupt candidates. On the other hand the direct primary gives a marked advantage to the candidate whose name is best known to the people. Also, it is a proved psychological fact that the first and last names appearing on the ballot have from five to ten per cent better chance of selection than those in the middle. The worst fault of the new system is the barrier interposed to responsible party leadership.

Either system must be used intelligently by the public. Unless vigilance is exercised corrupt practices will creep in. The bosses work openly in the convention and behind the scenes in the direct primary.

"But it wrong," continued Senator Bacon, "to characterize all political leaders as corrupt, which seems a popular tendency. A vast number of them have the public welfare really at heart. There must be leadership in politics as in any other activity. Given responsibility and held to strict accountability the so-called boss and political leader can be real factors in attaining efficient government. Genuine leadership should be encouraged. Public opinion cannot be crystallized unless there is someone to lead, and the masses of the people are glad to be advised by those who have the personality, ability and perception to interpret their desires."

"If we believe in party government," continued the speaker, "it is essential to have party conferences where ideas may be exchanged and opinions formulated. It is generally conceded that the multitude cannot express its thoughts except through its leaders, hence the importance of co-operation and interchange of ideas by these leaders in some sort of convention."

Last year a plan was formulated by a committee from the legislature on election laws,

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. J. Frank Morse is ill at her home on Whittier street.

Miss Helen deM. Dunn of the Punched High school faculty is ill at her home.

Mrs. David O'Connell of Chestnut street is convalescing at her home after her recent illness with pneumonia.

The High school students had a half-holiday Monday on account of a broken steam main in the basement.

Charles O'Brien of Pittsfield and Aubrey Polgreen of Franklin spent the week-end with Mr. Polgreen's family on Washington Ave.

Home-made chocolates and lollipops packed in Christmas boxes, delivered on orders, by Osborne Sutton. Telephone Andover 712-W.

Miss Anna Gill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gill has returned to her home on Cuba street after receiving treatment at the Charesgate hospital in Boston.

Mrs. Raymond Lefebvre and daughter, Claire, have returned to their home on North Main street after spending the past three months in Scotland.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Baptist church met at the home of Miss Josephine Durgin, 35 Elm street, on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perrault of South Lawrence are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Perrault was formerly Miss Gwendolyn Fallon of Andover.

Misses Frances Dalton, Mary G. Bailey, Hannah Bailey and Abbot Cheever, students of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, are enjoying the annual Christmas vacation.

The Jolly Sixteen held a meeting this week at the home of Mrs. Frank E. Dodge on Park street. Bridge was played after which dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Indian Ridge Rebekah lodge, 136, will meet in Fraternal hall Monday evening. After the business meeting which will be enjoyed at a social hour and refreshments will be served.

Horace Killam, organist of the Free church conducted the Haverhill Philharmonic Society in the first concert of the season, given Wednesday evening in the Winter Street Baptist Church, Haverhill.

Visit the Chinese Gift Shop for unusual gifts. Fine assortment to select from: brasses, jewelry, linens, handkerchiefs, little jade trees. Elia Lenora Holt. Tel. 63, 38 Maple avenue. Look for the Chinese lantern.

The following members of the American Legion Auxiliary attended the Essex County Council meeting at Wenham, Saturday: Mrs. Sarah Long, President; Mrs. Harry Gouck, Mrs. George B. Brown and Mrs. Annie Davis.

Garfield lodge, 172, Knights of Pythias and Garfield temple, 56, Pythian Sisters will hold their annual Christmas tree party for the children of members of both organizations Saturday evening, December 17 at 6:30 o'clock in Fraternal hall.

A whist party will be held in the Knights of Columbus hall this evening. A fine array of valuable and useful articles have been secured for prizes. Progressive whist will be in order and play will start at 8:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

A Christmas whist party is to be held in Fraternal hall Thursday evening, December 22, under the auspices of the ways and means committee of the Fraternal building association. This will be a novel affair. Prizes suitable to the season will be awarded to the winners. The public is invited to attend.

A regular meeting of the Police Relief association was held Tuesday night. Routine business was transacted. A committee was appointed for the annual ball which will be held on Friday, February 12, in the Town hall. The committee: John Deyermont, chairman; Henry Todd and Winthrop White.

Punchard Seniors to Present Play Next Month

The cast for the senior class play, "Take My Advice," which is to take place in the town hall on Friday evening, January 6, 1928, is rehearsing regularly under the careful supervision of Mervin E. Stevens, a member of the Punchard family.

The class did not have a chance to put on their play last year owing to the scarlet fever epidemic.

Tickets are now on sale and may be procured from any member of the senior class.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Coming Events

Tonight
8:00 p.m. Punchard Hall. Goldsmith prize speaking.

James Gillespie, Jr., of Elm street is ill at his home with scarlet fever.

Andover lodge, 230, I. O. O. F., held a regular meeting in Fraternal hall Wednesday evening. Routine business was transacted.

Mrs. Frank Sheibler of Maple avenue has returned to her home after undergoing an operation at the Lawrence General hospital.

Goldsmith Prize-Speaking Tonight

The annual Goldsmith prize-speaking contest will be held in Punchard hall this evening at eight o'clock.

There will be music by the Glee club and orchestra.

The judges will be Miss Mary E. C. Geagan, Rev. Newman Matthews and Herbert P. Carter.

The program:

Jane Barbara Hickok '31
Selection from Tom Sawyer Mark Twain
Claxton Monroe, Jr. '31

The Road to Heaven George R. Sims
Ella Mildred Larkin '30
The Ballad of Judas Iscariot Robert Buchanan
Robert Douglas Abercrombie '30

Music—Morning Glee Club with Orchestra

Boy Donald Dumont '29
Miss Flora McElmsey Anon
Eleanor Wardwell Ramsdell '29

Grandmother's Story of Bunker Hill Oliver Wendell Holmes

Annie Belle Elizabeth Leake '28
How the Church Was Built at Kebo's Bar John Bennett

Thomas William Lynch '28

Music—The Lotus Flower Schumann
Glee Club with Orchestra
Award of Prizes

A Series of Automobile Accidents

Willis A. Pallas of 3A Everett terrace, Somerville, lost control of his Hummobile sedan Sunday when he was going down South Main street. The car struck a telephone pole, then struck a maple tree, and knocked down twenty feet of the ornamental sheaf surrounding the M. J. Curran, Jr. estate. The car was a total wreck, but no one was injured.

A Buick sedan, owned and operated by Charles Choate of 37 Osgood street, North Andover, was struck by a car owned and operated by Edwin Chapin of 16 Doan street, Bradford, Sunday evening in Shawheen Village. Miss Mary Choate, the daughter of Charles Choate, and one of the occupants of his car, received multiple cuts about the head and was removed in the Andover fire department ambulance to the Lawrence General hospital. No one else was hurt.

A Buick sedan, owned and operated by Arthur Hohanson of 884 Massachusetts avenue, Cambridge, collided with a car owned and operated by George Howard of 579 Army street, Manchester, N. H., Saturday afternoon at Carter's Corner. Hohanson was headed north and Howard was going south. Another car came off a side street on Hohanson's right and to avoid hitting the latter, he swerved out, and by so doing knocked a rear wheel off Howard's car.

A Peerless sedan, owned and operated by F. J. Kelly of 38 Wall street, Malden, on the way from Lawrence Sunday evening, struck a car owned by J. J. Simonds of 738 Commonwealth avenue, Brighton, and which was parked in front of Dr. J. J. Bushold's home on North Main street. Simonds' car struck Dr. Bushold's car, which was also parked in front of his house; Bushold's car then struck the car of H. Wymah and Howard was going south. Kelly was arrested by Officers Stevens and Walker. He will be charged with drunkenness and operating a car under the influence of liquor.

Square and Compass Club to Hold Minstrel Show

Preliminary arrangements have been made for the Andover Square and Compass club minstrel show, which is to take place some time in April.

The committee in charge of the minstrel show is: Harrison Brown, chairman; Kirk Batcheller, I. R. Kimball, Harry Sellars, Harry Sellars, William Mideley and George S. Wiswall.

Discuss Next Year's Budget

The Board of Public Works met Wednesday evening. The monthly bills were approved and the budget for the coming year discussed. The board will hold another meeting after Christmas to complete the budget.

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Boy Scout Camp to Be Built in Carmel Woods

The district committee in charge of the Boy Scout activities in Andover met Wednesday evening at the Andover National bank to discuss ways and means for raising the necessary funds for the carrying on of the various scout activities. It was learned at this meeting that the number of scouts in Andover has increased from 60 to 159 since October 1925. In accordance with this increase in the number of boys the committee has planned to build a camp for them in Carmel Woods. The boys themselves have done considerable work in clearing up the woods and recently planted 1000 seedling pines.

The following men were appointed a committee to provide ways and means for raising the necessary funds for the building of the camp for the boys: Claxton Monroe, Frank S. McDonald, James E. Greeley, Chester D. Abbott, Harold Rutter and Stanley Hickok.

The following officers were elected for the committee for the coming year: General chairman, Burdard Horne; chairman of finance, Horace Bodwell; chairman of organization, Frank S. McDonald; chairman of camping and activities, Chester D. Abbott; chairman of leadership in training and civic service, Dr. Nathaniel Stowers; chairman of educational publicity, John F. O'Connell; chairman of reading, Nathan C. Hamblin; deputy commissioner, Dr. Nathaniel Stowers; and assistant deputy commissioner, Wendell H. Kydd.

Stanley V. Lane, chairman of the committee during the past year presided. The following committeemen and scoutmasters were present at the meeting: Stanley V. Lane, Joseph A. McCarthy, Nathan C. Hamblin, Horace Bodwell, Harold Rutter, Fred Swanton, William A. Doherty, Dr. Nathaniel Stowers, Henry E. Miller, Chester W. Holland, James E. Greeley, Frank S. McDonald, Claxton Monroe, Stanley Hickok, Alex Black, Fred Cronin and Chester D. Abbott.

Weymouth Post Band Will Give Concert Here

Andover people will be privileged to hear the popular band of the Weymouth post, 79, American Legion which will play in the town hall on the evening of Friday, January 13, under the auspices of the Andover Boy Scout troops. The concert will last from 8 to 10 o'clock and will be well worth hearing. This band recently won the first prize as the best American Legion band in Massachusetts.

It accompanied the Legionnaires on the recent visit to Paris for the annual convention last summer and is now broadcasting Sunday over the network of eleven radio stations Sunday afternoons and has just completed a week's engagement at Keith's theatre, Boston. It should prove a big drawing card in Andover where there are many music lovers. Admission will be charged and the concert will be open to the general public.

Natural History Society to Hear about Evergreens

The regular meeting of the Andover Natural History society will be held in the Punchard lecture room on Tuesday evening, December 20 at eight o'clock. The subject of the meeting will be "Evergreens" and Winthrop Boutwell will be in charge.

To Hold Christmas Tree Party at Square and Compass Club

The annual Christmas tree party for the children of the members of the Andover Square and Compass club will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the social hall at the rear of the club house in Elm square. This is the third annual party for the children and is being given by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Beedie.

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HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Santa Claus First Seen in Andover at Fraternal Hall—Christmas Parties Held by Fraternal Organizations and Clubs on Thursday Evening

POMP'S POND REPORT

Committee on Community Swimming Beach Gives Account of Year's Work and Asks for Appropriation

The Pomp's Pond Recreation committee has recently submitted the following report of its activities to the Board of Selectmen: Andover, Mass. December 14, 1927

Board of Selectmen,
Frank H. Hardy, Chairman

Dear Sirs:
At the last annual Town meeting, an additional sum of \$1500.00 was asked by our Committee for what we believed a necessity on the grounds of health, sanitation and public welfare.

The Committee, in behalf of the hundreds of our town people who patronize the swimming beach, wish to thank the citizens for this additional appropriation. With this money another dressing-room house was erected and proper sanitary arrangements installed, the other two buildings given a coat of paint and an ice cooling system of drinking water installed. Previous to this, both sexes and people of different ages were compelled to use the one dressing-room house.

The water supply, being only for summer use, is laid above the ground, the natural consequence being that the temperature of the drinking water was raised so high that it was not suitable for drinking purposes. Mr. Kimball of the People's Ice Co. kindly donated all the ice necessary to be used in the cooling system.

An additional boat was purchased as it is the belief of the Committee that all should learn to row a boat as well as learn the art of swimming. A regulation high diving board was purchased which should last for some years.

The beach has become so popular that we are at times taxed for sufficient parking grounds for automobiles and to rectify this some grading has been done this year and an additional amount is planned for the coming season.

Similar to all popular movements, we are at times confronted with false reports, in our case that the water in the pond is not clean. Working in harmony and in conjunction with Camp Andover officials, the citizens can rest assured that these reports are without foundation.

The season closed with a water carnival at which time suitable prizes were given the winners in the various contests. The money necessary for the purchase of these awards was not expended from the Town appropriation. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. George Hinman of Phillips Academy for his assistance in aiding and conducting the contests on that afternoon.

Many of the citizens have formed the custom of visiting the grounds at different

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Two hundred boys and girls, children of members of Clan Johnston and its Ladies' Auxiliary were made happy at a Christmas party held last night in Fraternal hall.

There was a large Christmas tree and Santa Claus making his first appearance for the season in Andover, distributed a gift, an orange, and a box of candy to each little guest. There were entertained by a reading given by David Lowe and carol singing by members of the Junior clan with Miss Valentine at the piano.

The evening's entertainment closed with general dancing.

The members of the entertainment committee from the Clan Auxiliary were Mrs. Alexina Guthrie, Mrs. Samuel Harris, Mrs. George Petrie, Mrs. James Sorrie, Mrs. Robert Nicoll, Mrs. Jean Wood.

The members from the Clan were Chief John Aucterlonie, John White, Alex Valentine, John Elder, Thomas Thin, George Petrie and Thomas Neil.

A Christmas tree with a distribution of gifts and candy followed the regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Andover Post 8, American Legion held last night in Legion hall. Refreshments of tea and cake were served and games were played.

Mrs. Mina Richardson was the most skillful at placing her stockings on the Christmas tree game and received a shopping list. Mrs. John Keith kept her place longest in the musical chairs and was rewarded with a pair of vases. A parrot was the prize won by Miss Ethel Hilton who found the most peanuts.

The committee on refreshments included Mrs. Minnie Rodger, Mrs. Harry Gouck and Mrs. Annie Davis.

At the business meeting held preceding the party with Mrs. Sarah Long presiding, the new second vice president, Mrs. Frank Valpey and the secretary, Mrs. Florence Troutman, were installed by Mrs. Harry Gouck, assisted by Mrs. Thomas Platt as sergeant-at-arms.

The following executive committee was elected: Mrs. Bertha Hilton, Mrs. Helen Gouck, Mrs. Minnie Rodger, Mrs. Bessie Franz.

The report of the year's work was read by the historian, Mrs. Frank M. Foster. Notice was given of the next meeting of the Essex County Council which will be held in East Lynn on the third Saturday in January at half past one o'clock.

The following officers and committees were appointed by the president:

Auditors—Mrs. William Doherty, Mrs. Peter Markey, Mrs. Joseph Miller.

Emblem—Mrs. Bertha Hilton.
Constitution and by-laws—Mrs. Maude Cheney, Mrs. Frank M. Foster.

Welfare—Mrs. Helen Gouck.
Legislative—Mrs. Lucy Eaton.
Americanization—Mrs. Isabel Abbott.
Child Welfare—Mrs. Annie P. Davis.
Sick Committee—Mrs. John Henderson.

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Give the cellar a thorough going over, with the idea of getting rid of any accumulated trash or other material under which families of mice or rats might hide and breed. Store what must be kept in the cellar on shelves or off the floor if possible. Rats like hiding places.

Get the family to cooperate in exercising unusual care not to scatter food crumbs, nor

keep crackers, chocolate, or other sweets in bureau drawers, or otherwise invite hungry visitors to a feast. Mice will gnaw clothing that has been spotted with food if stored in a drawer instead of being hung up or put in the laundry hamper. They will often hunt out starched garments. Waxed paper bags for putting up lunches should be kept in a mouse-proof container, also paper bags previously used for food. Candles and paraffin for jelly glasses attract mice. Traces of mice will sometimes be found among washing materials—soap flakes and starch, especially—so it is best to put these also into tight tin boxes.

If, in spite of these precautions, you find traces of mice or rats in the house, get out the traps and bait them in the usual way with ordinary American cheese, or buy some barium-carbonate or red-sulfur powder and prepare poisons. If directions are not given on the box, the United States Department of Agriculture will gladly tell you how to use them most effectively.

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THEATRES

REPERTORY THEATRE

"Charley's Aunt," at The Repertory, is proving such a success that it is to run for another week. It is of interest to note that it is considered important dramatic fare in Germany in as much as the principal role has been played by Werner Kraus who created the role of the Emperor in the original production of "The Miracle."

"Charley's Aunt" contains the combined humor of characters, situations, and dialogue. Once more the lively Oxford students out for a lark persuade their chum to impersonate the Aunt from Brazil. Once again Lord Fancourt Babberley, both in his own masculine garments and in the raiment of the elderly lady is, with the aid of his fellow students, disporting himself before the footlights to the amusement of the laughter of applauding audiences.

It is very evident that the public likes farce, and such a roaring farce as "Charley's Aunt," clean and wholesome as it is, has won its success on its merits. No effort has been spared to accentuate its humor during the present revival at The Repertory Theatre, and it is acted with a dash and comic liveliness that is proving irresistible.

TREMONT THEATRE

"Wings," Paramount's aviation spectacle telling the story of the late war in the air, will have its Boston premiere at the Tremont Theatre, Boston on Monday evening, December 19th.

Of the so-called super productions which have been shown to the public in legitimate theatres this season, "Wings" appears to have the most substantial qualities for a nation-wide success. It was first shown at the Criterion Theatre, New York, last 12th, and up to this date there never has been one unsold seat at any performance. No other picture has ever accomplished such a record. It has been shown in but two other cities, Chicago and Philadelphia, in each of which it is an outstanding success at the present time. So that the public, which is the final arbiter of what is successful in the theatre, evidently believes this picture worth while.

Much of it was taken on a made-to-order battle area of five square miles near San Antonio, Texas. The direction and responsibility of the picture rested with William Wellman, a young man from Massachusetts, who served his country during the war as a member of the Lafayette Squadron.

Not a foot of the picture was photographed from the ground that could conceivably be taken from the air. Much of the action was "shot" from planes, from captive balloons and from lofty parallels ranging from six to a hundred feet.

While "Wings" is of necessity an aviation spectacle, it also contains the love story of a boy and a girl that is so human it might have happened in your own town. For several years producers have been endeavoring to make a successful aviation picture, but it has been impossible until "Wings" accomplished this feat. And "Wings" could not have been successful except for the generous cooperation of the United States Government due to its interest in aeronautics. Something like fourteen million dollars worth of equipment was loaned by the Government and assembled at San Antonio, Texas, and from flying fields all over the country came seasoned aviators with war records to instruct and participate. Every air scene was made under their direction.

The next meeting of the Andover League of Women Voters will be held on January 10, 1928, when Miss Mary Trow and Mrs. Louis Holt poured.

Modern and Beacon Theatre
Every known theory of motion picture making, every technical trick of setting, even facial make-up has been disregarded in a unique, Paramount production entitled "Stark Love," which comes to the Modern and Beacon theatres Saturday, December 17, for a week's showing.

None of the players had ever seen a motion picture camera before the start of the production. In fact, "Stark Love" could not have been the finished product. It is the first time anything like this has been attempted, according to Karl Brown, who did it. After four months of hardships during which he covered five southern states, Mr. Brown returned with a clear idea of what he wished to do and the proper location, and then after securing the backing of large producers, he returned and made one of the most remarkable pictures in movie history.

It is the story of the lives of the mountaineers of the South who have practically no contact with modern civilization and who are as primitive as were their ancestors 150 or more years ago, when they pushed westward from the coast in search of new home sites. The picture was made in the Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina by the people who live there.

The picture is intended to convey a true record of the lives of these people and at the same time be dramatic entertainment with elemental emotional conflict.

Boy Scout Notes

The local Boy Scouts will assemble at Camp Wagon, Dec. 18, at 7 o'clock for the purpose of completing the clearing up of the woods and the cutting through of the new trail.

The merit badge club composed of first-class Scouts will meet Sunday evening at the Guild at 7 o'clock for instruction with regard to the public health merit badge. The numbers about ten members and ten new first-class Scouts will be initiated at this meeting.

The annual patrol leaders' roundup will be held Saturday afternoon and evening, January 7, at Amesbury. Each troop is expected to be represented by one or more patrol leaders.

The Eagle-Tribune shield awarded each year to the troop winning the district advancement inspection contest was awarded Friday evening to Troop 3 of the South church. The shield was awarded by Deputy Commissioner Dr. Nathaniel Stowers. The following members of the troop committee were present: Chester D. Abbott, Louis Huntress, William H. Foster, Samuel Cromie and Kellogg Boynton.

The week of February 5 will be the annual Boy Scout anniversary week. Arrangements are now under way for a supper and exhibition to be held at the town hall on Tuesday evening February 7. All scouts, parents and friends are invited to attend. An exhibition of scout work will be given. Booths will be arranged around the hall. Exhibitions will be shown of various types of fires, leather work, knot work, tent pitching, first aid and flag displays.

The annual inspections of the local troops for the Eagle-Tribune contest for the coming year started last Friday evening when Troop 3 was inspected. Troop 7 will be inspected this evening. The other troops will be inspected at the following dates: Troop 1, December 30; Troop 2, January 6; Troop 5, December 16; Troop 6, December 19; Troop 8, December 22.

The troops will be inspected by Deputy Commissioner Dr. Nathaniel Stowers and Assistant Deputy Commissioner Wendell H. Kydd.

SHORT BALLOT DISCUSSED

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and endorsed by the chairmen of both the Democratic and Republican parties. This plan provides for a pre-primary convention of elected delegates, whose duty shall be the preparation of a slate of candidates to be submitted to the voters at the regular primary. Other names may be added by petition, each name to have opposite it either "nominated by the convention" or "by petition."

Acceptance of this slate by the people would denote confidence in the integrity of the members of the convention. It would be of great assistance to the average voter who frequently has no knowledge of the qualifications of the minor candidates and no opportunity to find them out. Only about 29 per cent of the Massachusetts voters attend the primary election, whereas 78 per cent vote at the actual election.

The people of the state received this plan of the committee with distinct apprehension. While their suspicions were unfounded, declared Senator Bacon, much educational work must be done before they realize the advantages and benefits to be derived from acceptance of the plan. A recommendation was substituted by the committee by which candidates for minor offices would be chosen directly by convention, thus allowing people to concentrate on those to fill major offices.

Senator Bacon urged his audience to give careful thought to the plans advanced for the betterment of the primary system; to get away from the idea that the primary plan is a return to old methods; to rid themselves of the fear that there is something sinister underneath it.

"Couldn't Andover," he asked, "send delegates to a pre-primary convention who were leaders, who had the confidence of the people, who really represented the town? Would not such leaders be of real help to the voters, rather than robbing them of privileges now enjoyed?"

The short ballot, which is endorsed by the State League of Women Voters, would give the Governor power to appoint incumbents to all minor state positions, only such state officers as are responsible for state policies being voted for directly by the people. This simplification of election machinery has been tried out in New York with most encouraging results.

In closing, the senator pointed out that with a well regulated and safe-guarded pre-primary convention, and a short ballot permitting the governor to appoint all administrative heads, the degree of public control would be made greater; matters needing special attention would be in the hands of experts selected for their technical rather than political fitness, and the state of Massachusetts would have taken a step forward in government efficiency in these increasingly complex times.

A question period followed and tea was served. Mrs. William Trow and Mrs. Louis Holt poured.

Honor Roll at St. Augustine's Parochial School

The following is the honor roll for St. Augustine's parochial school for the month of November:

Grade 8—James Smith, John Winters, Catherine Greene, Florence McCarthy, Jean McGlynn, Rita Murphy.

Boys, Grade 8—William Hurley, Francis McGlynn.

Grade 7—John Burns, James Doherty, John Gallant, Carl Indeglia.

Grade 6—John Gill, John Griffin, Joseph Mahoney, John Smith, James Winters.

Grade 5—Henry Boucher, Edward Doherty, Dole, Aylmer, Godin, Arthur Harken, James Reilly, Joseph Winters.

Grade 4—Thomas Delaney, Patrick Doyle, Edward Kirwin, James Lewis, John Moynihan.

Girls, Grade 8—Margaret Carroll, Catherine Doherty, Evelyn Godin, Catherine McDonald, Catherine Winters.

Grade 7—Mary Doherty, Anna Beer, Veronica Doherty, Rita Dull, Mary Kemp.

Grade 6—Catherine Gauthier, Dorothy Hendrick, Mary Hastings, Anna Molloy, Margaret O'Brien, Bernadette Poisson, Elizabeth McNulty, Rita Tariff.

Grade 5—Catherine Burns, Mary Eldred, Edna Flaherty, Rita Levi, Mary McNulty, Eleanor Raidy, Mary Smith.

Grade 4—Sally Donovan, Christina Godin, Ruth O'Connor, Flora Raidy.

"Inside" Information

A good quality of skin milk should have a yield of 15 to 18 pounds of cottage cheese per 100 pounds of skin milk.

Banana "figs" are a form of food not generally familiar to American housewives, but are recommended as a desirable and nourishing food. These "figs" are really dried bananas. Firm ripe fruit is peeled and split lengthwise and dried either in the sun or by artificial heat. The drying process brings out some of the banana juice which covers the banana with a white sugary powder. In food value banana "figs" are said to compare favorably with other dried fruits. The agricultural experiment station at Hawaii has been experimenting with the drying of bananas because banana shipping facilities from Hawaii are not so fully developed as from the "banana coast" of Central America.

Start the new year armed with a well-planned budget which has been drawn up to include all the necessities and some of the desirable purchases your family hopes to make within the expected income for 1928. Food, housing, clothing, and running expenses will be among the essentials. Personal expenses for each member of the family must be allowed, and fixed expenses such as insurance premiums or taxes must be met. More or less problematical is the question of new furnishings or equipment, or the amount that must go to doctors and dentists, and consequently the amount that can be saved. A good budget is one that takes all these points into consideration and keeps the definitely known expenses well within the anticipated income, leaving a fair-sized margin for the uncertain and for emergencies. After making the budget on a yearly basis, it is helpful to plan for each month separately and in advance, so that as expenditures are made they can be compared with the original estimate in each category. Sometimes it becomes evident that a larger allotment must be made in one field, or that less would do in another, and corresponding changes can be made in the yearly and monthly plans.

"What's the trouble with you, my good man?" asked the kindly housewife of the hobo who appeared at the back door and asked for a little help.

"I dunno," replied the tramp, who had been reading the financial pages, "but I guess my technical position is unsound."

—New York Sun.

THE ANDOVER TOWNSMAN

Looking Back Twenty-five Years

Several barges conveying Lawrence sleigh-ride parties passed through town Wednesday evening.

Edgar A. Howe has returned to his home at Concord, N. H., after several months as nurse for Louis B. White, who is now recovering from an operation performed this summer.

Arthur S. Pease of this place won highest honors in the finals in classics at Harvard University according to an announcement of prize-winners made Wednesday night.

At the meeting of the General William F. Bartlett Relief Corps, Tuesday night, the following officers were elected: President, Miss Sadie Hobbs; senior vice president, Mrs. Helen E. Carruth; junior vice president, Mrs. Emma McTernan; chaplain, Mrs. Anna Lindsay; treasurer, Mrs. Mabel Pike; conductor, Mrs. Jennie M. Bean; guard, Mrs. Sarah Robinson; delegate to state convention, Mrs. Helen E. Carruth; alternate, Mrs. Emma McTernan.

Sleighing has been very good this week. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Foster returned from the South last Tuesday evening.

Rev. Frederic Palmer has received a cablegram from his brother, Prof. George H. Palmer of Harvard, confirming the death of Professor Palmer's wife, Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, which occurred in Paris, Saturday morning.

The question of heating the Commons and small cottages at Phillips academy is a rather vital one just at present. Neither coal nor wood can be purchased and had not Mr. Sawyer sent down two cords, a day or two ago, a fuel riot on a small scale among the boys might have ensued. The matter of transferring the Commons boys to the Seminary dormitories is being discussed, and may be tried next term. These buildings are heated from the plant under the Seminary Chapel. No trouble is expected in heating the buildings connected with the central plant, although coal is still a scarce article. Negotiations are under way, however for the purchase of a supply. Many of the private houses on the hill, as well as elsewhere about town, are without any coal, and the change of temperature from 18 below to 35 above was very welcome. The new heating plant works nicely, but the temperature needs tuning down somewhat as it has been rather too high for comfort.

This afternoon the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Free church is conducting a fair to raise more money toward the building of a church up town. The tables with the ladies in charge are as follows: Fancy table, Mrs. H. A. Russell, Mrs. David Lindsay, Mrs. William Scott; doll table, Mrs. James Anderson, Miss Nellie Russell; handkerchief table, Mrs. John Richardson, Mrs. Joshua Paine; cake table, Mrs. Milo H. Gould, Mrs. Andrew Kydd; fancy articles, Mrs. Frederick B. Goff, Mrs. William Falconer; floral bower, Mrs. G. A. Christie, Miss Mary Coutts; candy table, Mrs. Herbert Goff, Miss Gertrude Jackson; cocoa table, Miss Annie Smith; lemonade table, Miss Jean David; ice cream and cake, Mrs. Stephen Jackson, Mrs. Alex. Dear, George Carter. The committee of arrangements for the fair consists of Mrs. J. Newton Cole and Mrs. H. Russell. It is expected that an entertainment will be given this evening consisting of a farce, "A Picked-up Dinner", in which Miss Helen Ritchie and Cecelia Kydd and David May will participate, and music by the Seminary quartette. The entertainment is in charge of a committee of which Frederick B. Goff is chairman.

Frank P. Higgins entertained the young gentlemen and ladies who took part in the farces at the Town house opening on November 24, and a few other friends, at his home on High street, last Friday evening. White and other games joined to make a very delightful evening. Prize prizes were awarded to the whist winner and the winner in the progressive games. A dainty lunch was served after the prizes had been awarded. Mr. Higgins was assisted in entertaining by Miss Bertha Higgins.

Through electric car service between Lawrence and Boston is apparently only a matter of time, according to all reports. The work of laying double tracks from Reading to Malden has been speeded up by the Melrose city officials, but will probably be completed before long. Already double tracks extend to Wakefield by the Willow road, a short cut from the old route. When all is in readiness the cars will run from Lawrence through Andover, Reading, Wakefield, Melrose Highlands, Melrose, Malden, Everett and Charlestown to Sullivan square where a

change would be made to the elevated, arrangements having been made with the L. road for an exchange of transfers.

Measles are prevalent in the North district. Edward Boutwell, Edward Hardy and Mr. Knight attended the annual meeting of the State Grange at Worcester this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cutler will leave Andover next Monday for Paterson, N. J., where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. Minahan.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Boutwell entertained the Seamen's Friend society at the church vestry last evening and a delightful time was enjoyed by all who attended.

At a meeting of General William F. Bartlett Post 99, G. A. R., last Friday evening, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Commander, John B. A. Russell, senior vice commander, G. K. Dodge; junior vice commander, Henry C. Hitchcock; quartermaster, M. L. Farnham; chaplain, Peter D. Smith; surgeon, Dr. Charles H. Gilbert; adjutant, J. Warren Berry; officer of the day, Henry Clukey; sergeant of the guard, James Doyle; O. M., sergeant, Charles Green; delegates to department convention, George W. Chandler, J. Warren Berry, alternate; Ballard Holt, John McLaughlin, alternate.

Ladies' night was observed by the North Essex Congregational club at the South Congregational church, Monday night. A turkey supper was served at seven o'clock by Caterer Riley. Rev. F. H. Page of Trinity church reported for the committee on home work a plan for inter-visitation of prayer meetings between different churches. The topic for discussion was "The Sunday School." Lewis A. Foy, treasurer of the Lawrence Savings bank read a carefully prepared paper advocating such methods of raising money as will train children in habits of benevolence. Rev. F. A. Wilson of the Free church spoke on the relations of parents to the Sunday school and made a plea for a more hearty cooperation. Professor James H. Ropes of the Harvard Divinity school spoke upon "Instruction in the Sunday School." He ascribed the disconnection with present methods to a raising of our ideals. He argued that the Sunday school should be for the purpose of religious instruction rather than of religious influences, and considered the great need of today to be a supply of teachers who have been sufficiently trained for the task.

Still another resident of West Andover for a lifetime, Timothy Palmer Bailey, who has lived for seventy-four years in the Abbott district very close to the present location of the Abbott district schoolhouse has died. Such a long residence in practically one spot is rather unique.

Early Tuesday morning many thermometers about town recorded 18° below zero, while others ranged from 12° down to the former figure. From Frye Village came the report of 23° below, but that was expected as it is always from five to ten degrees colder there than anywhere else in town. While there was some suffering and a great deal of inconvenience owing to the scarcity of fuel, among all classes, nothing of a serious nature has been heard of.

Warren F. Draper observed his 84th birthday today.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. White entertained the Ladies' Whist club at a gentlemen's night at their spacious home on Main street, last Friday evening.

Owing to the fact that the Joseph F. Cole property on Elm street, has been withdrawn from the market, no meeting of the parish of the Free church was held Tuesday evening.

Andrew Thompson has sold the lot on which his blacksmith shop stood in North Andover to the Village Improvement society for an addition to the common school. A blacksmith shop will be brought to Andover and located on Park street. It is understood that Mr. Thompson will use it to make prepared wood.

Ballardvale

Mr. and Mrs. William Sleath of Andover have returned to live in the Vale.

William Shaw is away on a two weeks' trip through the Middle and Central States in the interests of Christian Endeavor.

Miss Grace Clemons, a well known school teacher of Groveland is spending her two weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clemons.

Rev. Edwin Smith gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "A Trip to Cuba" to the members of the Ballardvale Brotherhood at their hall last Saturday evening.

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West Pointer: To keep my halitosis from escaping.

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AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL NOTES

On Friday afternoon the Senior class will hold an afternoon social at which time two short Christmas plays will be presented. "The Birds' Christmas Carol" will be presented by the Senior class of the Home Economics Department while the Senior class of the Agricultural Department will present Dickens' "Christmas Carol." The entertainment will be followed by dancing.

Christmas recess will begin on December 16 and extend to January 3 for both departments of this school.

Extension Course in Renovation of Furniture Starts January 20

A course in the renovation of furniture will be given by Mrs. Harriet Haynes, State Home Management Specialist, under the direction of the Extension Department of the Essex County Agricultural School beginning Friday, January 20. Like all other Extension courses, it is free to all homemakers.

The course consists of four all-day monthly meetings which will be held in the main building of the school.

As the meeting place is convenient for many nearby towns it is expected that several communities will be represented. Applications should be made to Miss Crawford, the Home Demonstration Agent.

Children's Clothes Classes a Great Success

Ten communities were represented in the Amesbury Chamber of Commerce rooms at the meeting held for instruction in the making of clothes for boys of pre-school age. Twenty-two women who act as local leaders will return to their communities and give back to organized groups the information they receive. One hundred and two women have enrolled in this course. The towns represented were Amesbury, West Newbury, Newbury and Merrimack. The next meeting will be held January 12.

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Keeping Your Child from Tuberculosis

By PHILIP P. JACOBS

In our large centers of population very few people in adult life have absolutely escaped infection from tuberculosis. The chances are small indeed for them to have missed picking up a few of the germs by the time they reach maturity.

The child acquires infection in a number of ways. He may get tuberculosis from being in direct contact with a parent or some other older person in the home who has tuberculosis and is careless about coughing or sneezing. He may also pick it up on his hands while at play with ball, hoop or marbles and, as all children do, pass the germ constantly from hand to mouth. He may acquire it as a baby from the dried sputum that has been tracked in on the floors by older persons, and thus picked up by the baby's hands and conveyed to the mouth. Or, he may acquire it through milk from infected cows, particularly milk that has not been pasteurized.

From the point of view of the parent to whom this article is particularly addressed, the danger to the child is not only that he will acquire infection from milk, or by way of his hands. This is serious enough. The great danger, however, is that he may acquire a large dose of germs, what is known as a "massive infection," from close contact with some adult person in the house who has tuberculosis and who is in more or less intimate association with the child during the first ten years of his life.

Most children can take care of a small dose of infection without any serious damage. In fact, there may be a possible slight advantage in such small doses of infection. When, however, in addition to these small infections there is added a massive dose, the danger to the child is serious indeed. If he is under two years of age, the chances are that he will break down immediately and will die very quickly of tuberculous meningitis. If he is between two and twelve or fourteen when the massive infection occurs, he may be able to stand it for a time, but if left without special care, the chances are very likely that he will develop tuberculosis of the lungs or of some other part of the body. Once the disease is well established in childhood, it is apt to be serious if not fatal.

The task, therefore, before each parent whose child is likely to be exposed to massive infection, is first that of removing the danger from the child by segregating the infected person. Too many parents have killed their children with mistaken kindness by refusing to go to a hospital or sanatorium when every day they have stayed at home has meant added danger to their little ones.

Or, there may be another solution of the problem, namely, the removal of the child. An ounce of prevention at eight or nine years of age when the doctor through X-ray or tuberculin test has determined that infection is present, may save a human life. The cost is small in childhood, but it is great if the disease is allowed to run. Rest, fresh air, sunshine, good food, under proper medical supervision, will work wonders for the child if he is given a chance.

The duty of parents, therefore, is first to keep their children away from massive doses of infection, and secondly, to do everything possible to help them build up a strong healthy body.

In order to carry on their educational campaign that has helped so greatly in cutting the tuberculosis death rate in half, the National Tuberculosis Association and its 1500 affiliated state and local associations conduct an annual Christmas sale in December.

86-Year Old Gold Pen Company Uses Gas

Of the 21,000 uses for gas in industrial heating processes, one of the most interesting is in the manufacture of gold pen points in a Cincinnati factory which has been making these pen points for 86 years. Various Presidents of the United States since Lincoln have used pens made by this company, including Taft, Roosevelt, and Harding.

More than 30 years ago the company adopted gas fuel because of its evident advantages over other fuels, according to Robert O. Holland, President of the company.

"Gas gives us better control, cleanliness, and above all, convenience," says Mr. Holland. "We can light it when we need it and can turn it off when we don't."

This gold pen factory, the first in the world, was started over a barber shop in Cincinnati in 1841 and has prospered much the same as other American industries, according to Alvin M. Forkner, of the Columbia Gas and Electric Co., which supplies fuel to the pen company.

"Pens as instruments of recording thought, date to ancient times," says Mr. Forkner. "Copper and iron pens existed in early European civilization. Quills were in general use in England during the sixteenth century, and in 1830 a durable steel pen was invented."

George W. Shappard, originator of the first durable gold pen and maker of the first fountain pen, modernized the field of writing instruments in his Cincinnati factory.

General Lew Wallace, of Civil War fame, wrote "Ben Hur" with a gold pen made by this company.

Public school pupils in Kent, England, have built an open-air swimming pool during their spare time.

Andover Guild Notes

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Andover Guild held last Sunday afternoon, the new director of the Guild, Miss Davis, gave so much interesting information that it was felt it would also be of interest to readers of the Townsman.

Five hundred people divided into 21 different groups are using the Guild weekly; 150 of these are children under thirteen, 95 are intermediates of the ages fourteen, fifteen and sixteen, and the rest are adults. Classes all sorts are booming whether their object be physical training, scouting, or purely social.

The newest activity is the children's dramatic club, meeting on Wednesday afternoon and led by Miss Elizabeth Heslian. The Andover Girl Scout troop which has previously been led by Miss Edith Sweeney, will reorganize this Friday afternoon at 3, under Miss Elizabeth Flagg. At this time Miss Louise Smith of the Lawrence Girl Scouts will address them.

Christmas spirit is in the air at present, and each group is planning some sort of Christmas festivity. On the Friday afternoon before Christmas there will be a party to all registered Guild members of the junior group. Various organizations and individuals are helping to make this a success; one group from the League of Women Voters is making stockings for the occasion, the Mother's Club have offered to help provide refreshments, and two other individuals are giving the apples.

Through Mrs. Tyler's interest the Woman's Guild of Christ church is making red hoodies for the children's group of the Andover Guild to wear Christmas eve at the carol singing—and several other individuals are at work as well.

A limited number of community carol song sheets may be obtained at the Andover Guild for those wishing to rub up their memories in preparation for our community Christmas tree and its carol singing.

The Andover Guild is open daily except Sunday from 3-5:30 p.m.; from 7-9:30, in the morning by appointment with the director.

Junior C. E. Union Meeting

A regular meeting of the Andover Junior C. E. Union was held last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 in the Baptist Church vestry with the president, Russell Stevens, presiding. Among the eighty juniors who were present, was a delegation from the new junior society in Ballardvale.

Miss Marion Fernald of North Andover, who is Intermediate Superintendent of Essex County C. E. Union, spoke very appropriately on the Christmas spirit, founding her talk on Henry Van Dyke's story "The Other Wise Man."

Refreshments were served after the meeting. The banner was awarded to the Free Church society for the largest percentage of members present.

The Arcade at the Free Church

A well-patronized survey brought to an end the successful two-day sale at the Free Church parish house conducted on Thursday and Friday of last week by the trustees in the interest of the church budget.

Christmas decorations brightened the supper room. Patrons chose from a menu which included chicken patties, peas, potato chips, baked beans, cold ham, cabbage salad, rolls, coffee and pies.

The waitresses were Sadie MacLeish, Marjorie Low, Ina Petrie, Helen Steed, Helen Marr, Agnes Low, Mrs. Fields, Mrs. Harry Chadwick, Mrs. C. W. Dyer, Miss Bertha Higgins, Miss Grace Higgins.

The list of committees is as follows:

Ladies' Benevolent and Foreign Missionary societies—Mrs. Cecelia Derrah, Mrs. Frank A. Buttrick, Mrs. John C. Angus, Miss Mary Byers Smith, Miss Mary Angus.

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A. G. C. Class—Mrs. Alfred C. Church, Annie Jamieson, Marie Low, Jessie Dobbie, Margaret Ferrier, Isabel Skea, Margaret Buchanan, Hazel Kreiling, Emma Stevens, Helen Saunders, Doris Manning, Ella Petrie.

A. P. C. Sorority—Mrs. Dana Clark, Martha Buttrick, Etta Brown, Jimmie Walker.

O. S. C. Class—Elizabeth Perry, Margaret Fairweather, Mary Marr, Margaret Laurie, Dorothy Gordon, Margaret Purcell, Helen Marr, Ina Yates, Mary Dobbie, assisted by Mrs. Roy H. Bradford, Mrs. James Purcell, Mrs. Donald Laurie and Mrs. E. E. Perry.

Margaret Slattery Class—Helen Steed, chairman; Grace Lake, Winnifred Roy, Sadie MacLeish, Annabelle Steed, Beattie Coult, Marion Elliott.

Helping Hand Society—Mrs. M. J. Marr, Mrs. James McMeekin, Mrs. Charles Mayer, Mrs. Sydney Bachelder, Mrs. Alex Mackenzie, Mrs. William Morrissey.

Supper—Mrs. Stanley Lane, Mrs. George Carter, Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. Grant Silva, Mrs. Roy H. Bradford, Mrs. M. J. Marr, Mrs. David Coult, Mrs. David May, Mrs. Thomas Peters, George Carter.

Christmas Carols

"Silent Night"

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Probably no carol is so universally known, loved and sung as this simple German song. For years its origin was unknown, but supposed to date back centuries. A few years ago Ludwig Erk investigated and found that it was produced in 1818. The poem was written by Joseph Mohr, at the time assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany; the melody was composed by Franz Gruber, a school master. On Christmas eve of that year it was sung in the church at Oberndorf. The poet, who had a tenor voice, sang the melody, the composer, a bass, sang a second part, and a hastily recruited choir of young women the refrain. A guitar furnished the accompaniment, the organ being out of order. Twenty years or so later a family of strolling singers from the Tyrol added it to their repertoire, and in 1840 it was printed in Leipzig as a "genuine Tyrolean" song. For many years (and still in certain song books) the composer of the song was given as Joseph Haydn, probably meaning the great Franz Joseph Haydn.

A touching description of the effect of this song is given in Zena Gale's short story "A Great Tree." Certainly nothing can more quickly give the spiritual atmosphere of the manger birth than the singing of this beautiful simple song.

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
(After each verse)

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God in the highest;

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee we give praise;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

It is not surprising that this sturdy, whole-hearted tune (sung with its alternative text of "Christ Church") was the favorite hymn of that full-blooded American, Theodore Roosevelt. His preference has been shared by hundreds of thousands of men, women and children throughout the world.

The text of "O Come All Ye Faithful" is translated from a Latin hymn of the 17th or 18th century. The original words, beginning Adeste Fideles, are still frequently used. The translation which we sing was made in England by the Reverend Frederick Oakley about 1830.

The source of the music is not definitely known. Various reasons are given for its name—the Portuguese Hymn. Some investigators say it was written by a Portuguese chapel-master named Marcus Portugal; others that it was first sung in the Portuguese Chapel in London, but was written by an English organist named John Reading.

But whether this joyful manly hymn be the work of this or that man, or like a folk song, the combined product of several men, it is one of the hymns of the ages which apparently is to live for centuries. When we sing it we are keeping alive the spirit and expression which stirred many happy folks who have gone before and countless numbers which will follow after us.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem!
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy steep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But the world in His stillness
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

One of the finest Christmas carols of the less traditional group is "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by Phillips Brooks, the beloved Boston divine (1835-1893). This was written for Sunday school singing when the composer was bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Massachusetts. He first sent it out anonymously, but as the hymn gained favor the authorship became known.

The words of this carol well portray the spirit of simplicity and tranquility of Bethlehem, and its inhabitants who so little suspected that a King was in their midst. Although written especially as a Christmas song, it is of such a nature that it is often used on other occasions.

Many musical settings of this beautiful poem have been made but the two that are most used are by the English composer Joseph Barnby (whose "Sweet and Low" is a universal favorite) and the American composer Louis H. Redner (1831-1908).

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on earth, good will to men
From heav'n's all gracious King,
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing."

O ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow!

Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow!
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
By prophets seer and saint,
When with the ever circling years,
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heav'n and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Year after year as the quiet clear nights of the Christmas season approach, the spirits of thousands who have a touch of poetry or imagination in them are stirred at the contemplation of the New Testament story of the birth of Jesus. What countless poems have been produced by writers, great and small. One of the finest expressions is by an American, Edmund H. Sears, a Unitarian minister and a poet, who lived in Massachusetts from 1810 to 1876. In December 1849 he published in a religious journal the poem beginning "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." He sent it to a brother clergyman who fitted it to an old hymn tune, to which it is still often sung at Wellesley College. The next year, however, an American composer, Richard S. Willis, who had been struck with the unusual beauty of the poem, wrote an original setting for it. This met with such favor that it is practically the only one now in general use. It, moreover, has, because of its Christmas spirit, appropriately been given the hymn-tune name "Carol." It is singularly effective in rendering with the same music for all the stanzas the four varying moods—the first two depicting the angels hovering over the earth and singing their joyous song, the third bringing words of comfort to the weary, the fourth prophesying the happy dawn when all the world shall join in the angels' song.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled;
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

(Repeat last two lines)

Mild he lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth;
Ris'n with healing in His wings,
Light and life to all He brings,
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace.

(Repeat last two lines)

Charles Wesley (1707-88), younger brother of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist denomination, shares with Isaac Watts, the honor of being the greatest producer of hymns. Wesley is credited with the authorship of over six thousand hymns, including such well-known favorites as "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "A Charge to Keep I Have." While his hymns have been used by many denominations the only one printed in the hymn book accompanying this church is "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." The original hymn was published in 1739 and has undergone many changes in the hymn book just mentioned.

The music is by that distinguished Jewish composer, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847) and hence was written long after Wesley died. It is an apt setting for the text and raises to a high point of exaltation the glorious song of the heavenly hosts.

Christ Church Notes

Rev. S. Harrington Littell, one of the foremost missionary speakers of the Episcopal church, will be the preacher in Christ Church, Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Mr. Littell has given twenty-five years to work in China, and his varied experiences range from pioneering in new districts, hitherto bitterly foreign, to living and teaching with the young men of China in Boone University. Mr. Littell is one of the few men of this country who passed through the first Chinese Revolution, and he has come with the fresh and thrilling story of the latest revolutionary adventures. He preached at the Church of the Advent, Boston, last Sunday morning and in the evening in Christ Church, Waltham.

When the teachers met for their monthly instruction and conference, they presented Miss Hopkins, Educational secretary of Christ Church and Grace church, Lawrence, with a book. Miss Hopkins, to the great regret of these parishes, is leaving soon to take up her new work in Fitchburg.

The interesting debate on whether a woman should give up her career after marriage, carried on by the Young People's Fellowship last Sunday night, was declared a tie by the judges. Marion Walker, James Craik and Clifton Connor spoke for the negative, and Alice Ward, Doris Hilton and Donald Dumont for the affirmative. Sunday night Mr. Walter E. Howe of Abbot Academy will talk about carols and will be sung under his direction.

Shorten's Case is Dismissed

Christopher E. Shorten, aged 33, married, of Highland road, was found not guilty of assaulting Alice Duane, aged 17, of Highland road, Andover, and Esther Thompson, aged 19, of 42 Kingston street, South Lawrence following a hearing before Judge Colver J. Stone in Andover police court Saturday morning.

In dismissing the complaint against Shorten, Judge Stone said that he refused to blacken the character of a respectable citizen on the testimony offered. He said that it was preposterous to believe that a man would commit such an assault and then make an appointment on a thoroughfare so well lighted as South Broadway in Lawrence and to have accompany him at the time his brother and his brother's wife.

It was alleged by the two complainants that Shorten had assaulted them on Wednesday night, November 30, and in order to get away from him they agreed to meet him the following Friday night and made an appointment to meet him at the corner of South Broadway and Salem street, South Lawrence. In the meantime the two girls made a complaint to the Andover police and on Friday night were accompanied to the meeting place by an Andover police officer and Officer Maurice Fitzgerald of the Lawrence police. Shorten was arrested as he was getting out of an automobile. His brother and his brother's wife were with him at the time.

During the hearing it was brought out that one of the complainants, Esther Thompson, had a record in the Lawrence District court. Witnesses testified as to the character of Shorten and the character of the Duane girl.

Atty. Joseph L. Burns of Andover appeared for the defendant.

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6:30. Christian Endeavor meeting.
7:45 Wednesday. Midweek service for Christmas Tide. Special music.
7:00 Friday. Boy Scouts.

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Rev. Newman Matthews, Pastor
10:30. Public worship with sermon by the pastor.
12:00. Sunday School.
7:00. Endeavor meeting at the home of Ray-mah Wright.
7:00 Saturday. Christmas Entertainment of the Sunday School.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Essex Street
Organized 1832
Rev. C. Norman Bartlett, Pastor
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12:00. Bible School.
3:30. Junior C. E.
6:00. Senior and Intermediate C. E.
7:15. Evening service with sermon by the pastor.
Tuesday. W. W. G. meeting at Mrs. Crockett's, South Main Street.
7:45 Wednesday. Prayer meeting.
7:00 Saturday. Christmas Tree.

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Balmoral Hall
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Rev. S. C. Beane, Minister
10:30. Rev. S. C. Beane will take as his subject: "Christmas Gifts." Mrs. Ruth Mitchell Morse, soloist.
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CHRISTMAS

Christmas is an Attitude of Mind

To a child it is a unique occasion for high expectation and joyful satisfaction. Santa Claus turns a child's mind from the prosaic, everyday things of life to a world of magic and beauty. For the youth of the world Christmas has lost its magical touch but it still retains a charm which makes it unlike any other day of the year. Young people are still sufficiently dependent on human relationships to feel the ties of blood and friendship strongly. Accordingly they give and receive gifts in a spirit quite akin to that shown by the Three Wise Men in the days of old. Adults, on the other hand, tend to find Christmas an old and rather tiresome story unless its spirit is expressed toward children or people in need. Some grown-ups are too cynical to get any thrill out of this holiday atmosphere. They are apt frequently to look upon the exchange of gifts as little more than commercial barter and their hearts may be too hardened to feel the joy of giving for its own sake.

Anyone who has not known as a child the joy of Christmas time has missed one of the most precious experiences of early home life. Who among us older folk cannot recollect the time when for weeks before the holiday all our thoughts and energies were devoted to winning the generous esteem of Santa? Not only did we obey instantly any wish of our elders but we volunteered additional courtesies in order to entice the kind old man our way. And on Christmas Eve, with what nervous expectation we hung our stockings and tried to linger until the midnight hour when the king of our lives was to drive up in his gift-laden team of reindeer, come down the chimney and leave the gifts we so dearly coveted. Our parents considered this forbidden pleasure so we were put to bed to spend the night in happy dreams of the magical visitation. Christmas morning, and the supreme moment of the year had arrived. Santa had abundantly rewarded us, as the well-loaded Christmas tree revealed to our beaming eyes. How grateful we were toward Santa and all the world, and how much happiness radiated in the family circle on that day.

Youth, too sophisticated to believe in Santa Claus, is nevertheless idealistic

enough to feel that Christmas gifts are sincere expressions of affection. They give, not so much feeling that they are expected to do so, but rather as a free will offering, unspoiled by any commercial motives. And yet, they are still too immature in mind to appreciate the deeper and fuller significance of the day.

The practical adult, grown accustomed to viewing life in an almost cynical attitude, sees little significance in the mechanics of the day's traditional routine. He has lived through too many winters to work up much enthusiasm over the event and his indifference is in sharp contrast to that of his children.

Even though he may not feel himself in a rapturous trance, he can if he chooses regard Christmas as a spiritual opportunity of lasting importance. This opportunity lies in catching a vision of the real motives for which Christ, whose anniversary is being celebrated, came to earth. We are too apt to observe the outward forms and ceremonies and at the same time lose sight of the underlying meaning for which these forms exist. Ritual, when unrelated to life, is hollow mockery. The observance of Christmas, if it is to effect any benefit to an intelligent person, must consecrate him anew to the teachings of the Man whose birth is remembered on this day. Christianity, if it means anything, is a way of life. To observe the anniversary of its Founder's birth while refusing to follow His way of life, is hypocrisy.

Of Christianity's teachings, perhaps the most appropriate for this season is "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men." The application of this ideal in the everyday affairs of men has been neglected, by clergy and laymen alike, during the last nineteen centuries, that we are probably little nearer the ideal today than men were when these words were first uttered. What could be more appropriate, at this time when the world is still suffering from our last and greatest war, than dedicating ourselves once more to this typically Christ-like ideal? If all those who will observe Christmas this year should take this opportunity of adopting this sympathetic attitude toward their fellow men, how much more sincere we would be as we observe Christmas in the years to come.

Surprise Party Given by Baptist C. E. Society

After the usual midweek prayer meeting held at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening, one of those who attended, was pleasantly surprised by a gift presented by the Christian Endeavor society. The presentation was accompanied with a very appropriate acknowledgment of the love and esteem of the young people of the church for Perley F. Gilbert, who has always contributed most generously his time and energy in helping the young people in their various undertakings. The young people have enjoyed his excellent supervision in plays, pageants, picnics and similar projects.

Mr. Gilbert was the recipient of a leather-bound, pocket-size edition of the New Testament. The presentation speech was made by Miss Effie O. Ross, a member of the Society and also president of the Andover Union, and Mr. Gilbert responded in a very appropriate manner, although very much taken by surprise. The occasion was Mr. Gilbert's birthday, and he was presented with a beautifully decorated birthday cake. A dainty collation was served by the Christian Endeavor society, and Mr. Gilbert cut and served the cake.

The gift was made in special appreciation of Mr. Gilbert's consenting to direct the coming pageant "Why the Chimes Rang" adapted from the story of the same name by Raymond McDonald Alden. Elizabeth McFadden's charming Christmas story is most effective in play form. This will be given Christmas night at eight o'clock in the Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

Woman's Union to Entertain at the South Church on New Year's Day

The New Year's Festival, which the Woman's Union of the South Church will hold in the vestry on January 2nd from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., is an innovation which they hope will meet with a generous response from the townspeople as well as those who frequent the church. The plan is to give those who are weary of the efforts put forth for the Christmas season, an hour or two of relaxation and enjoyment. It will be a fine place to bring the family or a few friends whom one wishes to entertain in a simple way. There will be an interesting entertainment, which will take one into foreign lands on New Year's Day, augmented by some fine music and simple folk dances. And, since New Year's Day in some countries is known as a time for exchanging gifts, all patrons will receive a little gift before leaving for home. In addition to all this there will be tea served at little tables by young ladies in gay costumes.

Where on New Year's Day can one get more for the thirty-five cents which the Woman's Union is charging for an afternoon's entertainment, a social tea and a little gift? The Sunday school children are selling the tickets because the committee wishes to know, to some extent, the number of its patrons but they may be procured at the door on New Year's Day.

Scouts Pass First-Class Test

The following Boy Scouts successfully passed the first-class tests before the local court of honor at the Pynchard high school Thursday evening:

Troop 1—Edward Chase, Rene Richards, and Harold Rutter, Jr.

Troop 2—James McCord, Thomas Holden, David Petrie, James Cairnie, Albert Cole, Thomas Gorrie and Hans Gordon.

The following boys will be first class Scouts when they turn in their maps:

Troop 3—Raymond Gallant, Leonard Gallant, and Alvin Noel.

Troop 6—Edward Connors and Joseph Davis.

Court St. Monica Plans For Fifth Anniversary Observance

The members of Court St. Monica, 783, Catholic Daughters of America held a Christmas tree party following the business meeting in the K. of C. hall Monday evening. Each member brought a small gift. A Santa Claus distributed these among the members. They are being saved for the Christmas tree party for the children to be held Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary E. Gagan, the Christmas child, Miss Geagan and Miss Marion Fillion arranged the entertainment program. General dancing followed.

Pythian Sisters Elect Officers

The annual election of officers was held at a meeting of Garfield temple, Pythian Sisters in Fraternal hall Monday evening. The following officers were elected:

Past chief, Miss Agnes Thin; most excellent chief, Mrs. George S. Cilley; excellent senior, Mrs. David McDonald; excellent junior, Mrs. William Orr; manager, Mrs. Edward L. Roby; mistress of records and correspondence, Miss Eleanor Downs; mistress of finance, Mrs. Ernest A. Johnson; protector, James C. Souter; outer guard, Mrs. Fred Adams; degree master, Thomas Gorrie; pianist, Thomas Gorrie.

The installation ceremonies will take place at the next meeting on Monday evening, January 3. District Deputy Mrs. Margaret Hudson of Haverhill will be the installing officer. It was voted to omit the meeting on Monday evening, December 26.

The installation meeting will be called at two o'clock in the afternoon. The installation ceremonies will be semi-public and friends are invited to attend. Supper will be served by a caterer at six o'clock followed by the installation at eight o'clock.

After the meeting on Monday evening, refreshments of sandwiches, cake and cookies were served by the following: Mrs. Ernest A. Johnson, Miss Agnes Thin, Mrs. Fred Westcott, Mrs. David McDonald and Mrs. Edward L. Roby.

St. Augustine's Dramatic Club Elects Officers

At a meeting of St. Augustine's Dramatic club held last evening officers were elected as follows: President, John Robertson; vice president, Charles Murray; secretary, Dorothy McCarthy; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Franz; advisory board, Miss Annie G. Donovan, Augustine Sullivan, John Alexander.

The meetings will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at eleven o'clock in the morning, the next meeting coming on the second Sunday in January.

The officers and advisory board will meet on next Monday evening at half past seven when a play for presentation will be chosen.

Monday Afternoon Bridge Club Meets

The regular meeting of the Monday Afternoon Bridge club was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Friedwald, 7 Sutherland street, Shawmut Village. Souvenirs were awarded Mrs. Grace York and Mrs. Harrison Brown.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hosts.

POMP'S POND REPORT

(Continued from page 1)

times and all are loud in expressing their approval of the buildings, grounds and method of handling the situation. We invite all citizens to avail themselves of the opportunity to visit us and we welcome all constructive criticism. We were fortunate in not having any serious injuries or accidents during the season, which fact speaks highly for our instructor and supervisor, Mr. Frank McBride and his assistant Mr. John Robertson.

We are asking under separate sheet that the customary amount of \$1500.00 be appropriated for maintenance and a few contemplated improvements for the coming season.

Very truly yours,
JAMES C. SOUTER, Secretary
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The members of the Pomp's Pond recreation committee are William C. Crowley, chairman, James C. Souter, secretary, I. R. Kimball, David L. Coutts, and Joseph I. Pitman.

Dramatic Department Entertains at November Club

The most popular entertainments on the November club calendar are invariably those given by club members and that of last Monday afternoon staged by members of the Dramatic department was no exception to the rule. "Alicia Perks Up" was the play chosen for presentation, a three-act comedy by Carl Webster Pierce, which, in spite of its general levity, nevertheless had a serious vein.

Alicia Holbrook, a middle-aged woman, with a passion for preserving her good looks and social position, has just returned from a trip around the world. In fact the last part of the trip has been cut short in order that she may reach home in time for the Pilgrim Club ball, the big social event of the season. Suitcases are unpacked and evening clothes are entrusted to the tailor's messenger girl with strict injunctions to have them returned to her in person before evening. The jeweler appears for her to choose a handsome gift from her husband, which will surely bring her into the limelight at the ball. The chain chosen has a slight imperfection and she takes it back to the shop to have it repaired.

When the tailor's girl returns with her gown and the jeweler with her chain they fail to recognize the rejuvenated Alicia and refuse to deliver her property. At this point Policeman Brown in pursuit of a female thief, known to the police as Henna, bursts into the apartment. Seeing Alicia's henna hair, nothing will convince him that he hasn't run down his quarry, especially as Mr. Holbrook refuses to recognize his own wife. Alicia is about to be dragged off to jail when Perry the colored porter intervenes, convincing both Mr. Holbrook and Policeman Brown that the woman with the dyed hair is really Mrs. Holbrook. All ends happily with Alicia's promise never to have her hair dyed again, and expressing the conviction that if more husbands would express their admiration for their gray haired wives "many women now living would never dye."

The generous and long-suffering husband was played by Miss Fannie E. Davis with Mrs. Oswald Tower as his charming wife. The very reliable man from the jeweler's was impersonated by Miss C. Madeline Hewes, while the little Jewess from the tailor's shop was Mrs. James H. Eaton. With a clever change of costume and accent Mrs. Eaton was also the very Irish friend of Madame Jeune-Toujour, proprietress of the beauty shop, who had for financial reasons, changed her birthplace and that of her assistants from the Emerald Isle to the Bois de Bologne. The successful transformer of poor, middle-aged women to the semblance of youth Madame Jeune-Toujour was Mrs. John A. Burr, assisted by Annette and Patrice in the persons of Mrs. Cornelius A. Wood and Mrs. Scott H. Paradise. The patrons of the beauty shop Mrs. Wickham and Mrs. Van Buren who suffered the torments of a permanent wave and a mud pack for the sake of appearing well at the Pilgrim ball were Miss Bessie P. Goldsmith and Mrs. Archie N. Frost. In the last act, the arm of the law was also represented by Miss Goldsmith. Perry, the colored porter, was Miss Mary W. Bell.

The play was presented before a full house and the applause and laughter attested to the pleasure of the audience.

Between the acts groups of songs were sung by Mrs. Herbert Ludeke accompanied by Mrs. Philip Ripley.

The leaders of the dramatic department are Miss C. Madeline Hewes, Mrs. Charles E. Abbott and Mrs. Arthur Bliss, Jr. The committee on properties included Mrs. Arthur Bliss, Jr., Mrs. Henry S. Hopper, Mrs. Walter M. Lamont, and Mrs. Colver J. Stone. The members of the committee on costumes were Mrs. Frank H. Hardy and Mrs. M. W. Colquhoun. The coach was Miss Bell J. Butterfield.

Members of the art department will please take notice that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, with Mrs. F. E. Newton, 9 Salem street.

Tells of Paris Convention

The members of Andover post, 8, American Legion were entertained at a meeting held in the Legion rooms Tuesday evening, by Roy E. Hardy who gave an interesting talk on the Second A. E. F. Mr. Hardy went to France with the Legionnaires last summer and attended the national convention held in Paris. While abroad he visited places of interest in France, Belgium, Scotland and England. Mr. Hardy had many interesting stories to tell of the trip and showed a number of postcard views. He was accorded a rising vote of thanks by the members at the conclusion of his talk.

Business of importance was transacted at the meeting of the post.

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EDITOR OF THE TOWNSMAN—

I heartily agree with the editorial printed in last week's Townsman, especially the last paragraph. "Them's my sentiments" exactly. While there may not be convenient wooden shingles in these days of fireproof made ones, nor a woodshed handy, there is still the cellar, and birch switches aren't hard to find.

To be serious, there is too much excusing of the younger generation. You hear on all sides, "Oh he isn't a bad boy, he's just been going around with the wrong crowd." Or "she isn't naturally bad, it's just that she had her own way too much." Parents are altogether too lax in their treatment of young children. Their "natures must develop naturally!" harsh words are not good for the children's nerves and so forth. The children's "sensitive" natures won't be hurt for long either by a birch rod or a few stern words as to right and wrong.

As to thievery in the town; private residences are not the only ones that are robbed by the churches are not exempt. While I have not heard of any poor boxes being robbed in this town, for a while, I have heard on good authority that systematic petty thieving of the children's collection pennies has been going on in one church; of crayons and pencils being taken; of birthday boxes being emptied of their contents and other contemptible thefts.

We not only need policemen on our streets but policemen, or men that have some backbone, in our churches.

AN ADVOCATE OF THE SHINGLE

Boy Rangers Meet at Christ Church

The Camp Fire Rally of the Christ Church Rangers was held Wednesday evening in the parish house.

An artificial camp fire was built by John Hilton, which lent an air of out-of-doors to the occasion. The boys gathered around the fire and listened to a very inspiring talk given by the Rev. Mr. Lyte of Grace Church, Lawrence.

Games were enjoyed by the thirty boys present. The alumni were the guests of the evening and competitive contests created lots of fun for the boys.

Albert Swenson and James Platt were the prize winners and were accorded applause by their fellow alumni. James Craik, John Hilton and Sumner Davis had charge of the contests.

Refreshments were served and all the lights were turned off, the boys gathering around the camp fire again to hear stories of the Canadian woods by Rev. C. W. Henry. The meeting ended with the singing of "America."

The Rangers meet every Wednesday evening at 6.45 in Christ Church parish house under the leadership of Robert V. Deyermond and John Hilton.

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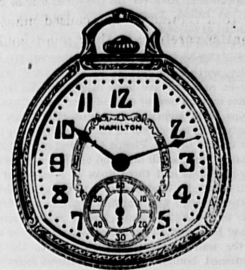
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Hold Whist Party at K. of C. Hall

The weekly whist party under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus took place last Friday night in K. of C. hall, Chestnut street. Progressive whist was played at thirty tables. The winners follow:

Console mirror, Mrs. John Young; floor lamp, Honora Cronin; end table, Mrs. Frank Earley; chest silver, Henry Page; service tray, Mrs. Murphy; over night case, James Margosian, Mahogany clock, Mrs. Rose Gauthier, carving set, Mrs. John Young; lustre set, Mrs. G. L. Bryon; smoking stand, M. Walsh; boudoir lamp, Loring Watt; card table, Mrs. William Higgins; doll, Mrs. William Farrell and console set, Miss Mary Riley. Punters were: Niel Cussen, Patrick Boston, William McDonald, Gus Sullivan, Jack Cussen and Vincent Hickey.

The next party will be held this evening.

Andover Ministers' Association Meets

Rev. Fr. Charles A. Branton, O. S. A., was the speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Andover Ministers' association held yesterday afternoon at the home of Rev. George B. Frost on Highland road. The speaker gave an interesting account of his work in the mission field.

Among those present were Rev. H. B. Williams, Rev. Charles Cutler, Rev. Alfred C. Church, Rev. F. A. Wilson, D.D., Rev. Newman Matthews, Rev. C. Norman Bartlett, Rev. Fr. Branton, Edward J. Pritchard and Rev. George B. Frost.

Plans Launched for Community Christmas Tree

Representatives of various organizations met at the Andover Guild house and with plans for a community Christmas tree. It is planned to place the tree somewhere in the center of town probably on the small common in front of the Barnard estate. Groups of singers will sing carols in different sections of the town after which they will assemble at the tree about nine o'clock for community singing under the leadership of Warren C. Stanwood of Lawrence.

In order to defray the expenses of the tree boxes will be placed for offerings in the following places: Andover National bank, Andover Savings bank, Andover Bookstore, Hartigan pharmacy, Simeone's, and J. H. Campion's stores.

The following are the Christmas carols to be sung: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Groups which have already promised their assistance in the carol singing are: High School Glee club, Miss Miriam Sweeney, leader; children's club of the Guild, Mrs. Elsie Fairweather, leader; children of St. Augustine's, Miss Annie Donovan, leader; young people of the South church, J. Everett Collins and John A. Arnold, leaders; Christ Church choir, Miss Ethel Humphreys, leader; young people of the West church, Miss Marion Abbott, leader; Junior Girls of the Andover Guild, Miss Elizabeth Hession, leader; High School basketball team, Mrs. Grace Parker, Girl Scouts, Miss Elizabeth Flagg; Baptist Church Sunday school, Mrs. John Scherer, leader; Boy Scout Bugle Corps, Miss Marion B. Abbot, leader.

The following committees have been appointed to make the arrangements. They will be assisted by Miss Margaret Davis, superintendent of the Andover Guild.

General chairman, Mrs. Jerome W. Cross. Music committee—Mrs. W. H. Simpson, chairman; J. Everett Collins, Warren Stanwood, Miss Ethel Humphreys, Carl F. Pfattheicher, John A. Arnold, Horace N. Killam, Miss Annie G. Donovan.

Program committee—Mrs. Charles Thompson, chairman; Miss Elizabeth Flagg and Miss Miriam Sweeney.

Tree and placement committee—Miss Anna B. Abbott, chairman; Mrs. Horace H. Tyler, E. Burke Thornton, C. C. Kimball, David L. Coutts and Frank H. Hardy.

Lighting committee—Jerome W. Cross, Roy A. Daniels and Frank L. Brigham.

Publicity committee—Miss Bessie P. Goldsmith, chairman; William A. Doherty and Fred L. Collins.

Dr. Pfattheicher has been asked to provide a quartet of trumpeters.

Any other groups who wish to offer their services should communicate with Mrs. William Simpson. Song sheets may be procured at the Andover Guild.

S. of V. Auxiliary Meet

The Ladies' auxiliary to Walter L. Raymond camp 111, Sons of Veterans met in G. A. R. hall Wednesday evening. It was voted to make a donation to the General William F. Bartlett post 99, G. A. R. A donation was also voted to the Veterans' home in Chelsea.

The election of officers for the coming year will be continued at the next meeting which will be held Wednesday evening, December 28.

Birth

December 12, 1927, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Neill, of 49 Red Spring road.

Hold Benefit Whist for Flood Sufferers

The American Legion whist party was held in the Legion rooms last Wednesday evening. Many valuable and useful souvenirs were awarded to the high scorers.

The committee was: Commander George McKenzie, Herman Hilton, Frank P. Markey, Joseph McCarthy and Arthur Jowett for the Legion.

The auxiliary committee was: Mrs. Olin Richardson, Mrs. William H. Higgins, Mrs. Helen Gouck, Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. Florence Troutman, Mrs. Minnie Rodger, Mrs. Bessie Franz, Mrs. Thomas A. Platt, Mrs. Sarah A. Long and Miss Mary Barrett.

The following were awarded souvenirs: Ladies' pocketbook, Warren Crowley; silk shirt, Ralph Murphy; tie, George Byron; tie, Joseph Hilton; vase, Ethel Currier; coffee, Fred Westcott; jardiniere, Helen Currier; scarf, John Hurley; ham, Mrs. Ernest Johnson; towels, Mrs. Leonard Saunders; five gallons gas, Mrs. William Navin; ladies' hat, Mrs. Olin Richardson; talcum powder, Gertrude Lee; rubber plant, Ethel Robinson; dozen of oranges, Philip Lowe; smoking stand, Mrs. Annie Davis; bottle toilet water, Patrick J. Barrett; tie, Kenneth Foster; bon bon dish, Mrs. George L. Byron; one pound of coffee, James Margosian; pipe, Joseph Hart; bushel of apples, Mrs. Joseph Hart; collar and cuff set, James Douglas; silk stockings, Helen O'Neill. Consolation prizes were awarded to Leonard Saunders and Helen Currier.

The punters were: Mrs. George Brown, Miss Margaret Rodger, Mrs. Florence Troutman, Mrs. Thomas Platt, Joseph McCarthy, Commander George McKenzie and Herman Hilton.

Christmas Parties at the South Church

The date set for the Primary Children's Christmas party is Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on December 27th.

On that same day in the evening the older children will have their "Tree" with its customary delights.

The Christmas concert of the church school will be held in the various departments, omitting the customary big pageant.

"The Mystery"

Last Christmas eve after the service held in Christ Church, Mr. H. Winthrop Peirce, whose opinion one values highly, remarked that never had he seen anything more beautiful and reverential than the tableaux which, with the old carols, tells the Christmas story in "The Mystery."

This service will be held again on Christmas eve and, with but a few exceptions the same persons will take part. The pictures of Mary, lifting the white cloth as she gazes into the little manger (after the great painting by Gherardo Delle Notti) the wonderful light shining upon her, and on Joseph standing near in awe and reverence, the shining angels in the background with their lighted tapers, the candle light gleaming on their halo veils and white robes, the angel proclaiming the glad news with the silver trumpet, are beautiful to behold.

Next the shepherds appear clad in rough but colorful garments, with their crooks and staves, and last of all, from the rear of the church come the three kings, each singing in turn as he approaches.

Their royal robes of ermine and gorgeous silks, their golden crowns and choice gifts make an impressive picture.

No one who has been present at one of these Christmas eve services would willingly miss it, and the children particularly will always remember the true significance of the real meaning of Christmas. The service will begin at six-thirty o'clock on Saturday evening.

Obituary

HORACE CHESWELL OSGOOD

Horace C. Osgood, formerly of North Andover, late of Beverly died Sunday, December 11, 1927. He was born in North Andover February 9, 1857, son of Aaron B., and Elizabeth C. Osgood—the eldest of five children—brother of L. Edgar Osgood, reporter for Lawrence Telegram, Andover Townsman, Worcester Telegram and Hartford Courant—who died in 1917. Representative to General Court in 1895, also selectman for several years. For nearly twenty years H. C. Osgood was employed by the United Shoe Machinery Company of Beverly most of that time as head photographer. As a young man he worked for a time in the office of Sherman & Bell, Lawrence; later he accompanied his father to California where he conducted a grocery store for his aunt, Mrs. John North of Vallejo for three or four years, afterward for the Burt Shoe Company of Brookfield, thence to Jamaica and later still he entered the employ of Reed & Barton of Taunton, silversmiths where he was photographer for their catalogue department, and also for Davis & Furber catalogue of nappers, cards, and other machinery.

In 1912 he married Miss Mary Adelaide Perry of Beverly. He is survived by a widow and two sisters, Annie M. Osgood, a former teacher and Grace B. Osgood, a teacher in the Merrimack School, both residing at 227 Main street, North Andover.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon; Rev. Carey W. Chambrlain of the First Baptist church of Beverly officiated. Miss Aleta Wood sang several selections.

The bearers from the United Shoe Machinery Co. were George H. Vose, George D. Alderman, George H. Snow, Mr. Morgan. Burial was in the Hale Street cemetery, Beverly.

Free Church Chorists to Sing to Shut-ins

The Senior and Junior choirs of the Free Church will sing Christmas carols on the church steps Sunday evening, December 25 at 7:00 o'clock after which they will sing at the homes of shut-ins and elderly people of the church. Any persons wishing to have the choir sing for them are requested to notify the pastor or organist. After the carol singing the carollers will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Killam on Porter Road.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Ormsby of 34 Elm street announce the engagement of their daughter, Eleanor Curtis to Wilfred North Swenson, son of Carl Swenson of North Main street.

Miss Ormsby graduated from Pynchard high school with the class of 1925 and is now employed as a clerk in the J. H. Playdon florist shop on Main street. Mr. Swenson graduated with honors from the Lawrence Evening high school with the Class of 1926 and also attended Lowell Textile school. He is now employed at the Marland mills.

Obsequies

MRS. EMMA CHANDLER KELLY
The funeral of Mrs. Emma Chandler Kelly, aged 79 years, a former resident of Andover, who died Monday at her home, 1450 Commonwealth avenue, Boston, was held at the South church, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow, D.D. Interment was in the family lot in the Old South cemetery.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES
(Continued from page 1)

Finance—Mrs. Eva Dea, Mrs. Joseph McCarthy, Mrs. David Hartigan.
Publicity—Mrs. William Doherty.
Color Bearers—Mrs. Margaret Brown, Mrs. Miss Richardson, Miss Ethel Hilton, Miss Mary Barrett.
Membership—Miss Jennie Barrett, Mrs. Mary Garside, Mrs. Catherine Eastwood, Mrs. Frank Markey, Mrs. Louisa Eaton, Mrs. Rose McCarthy, Mrs. Percy Dole.
Unit Activities—Mrs. Thomas Platt.
Pianist—Miss Doris Hilton.

Christmas cheer pervaded the air last evening when forty members of the A. P. C. sorority of the South church met at the home of Mrs. Frank Crawford on Hidden road.

There was a Christmas tree, and each member brought a toy which will be re-distributed by Santa Claus later in the week. Carol singing was led by Mrs. Frank Gould and Mrs. Nathaniel Stowers. There were guessing contests and games for which prizes were awarded.

Refreshments of ice cream, cake, coffee, candy and pop corn balls were served by the committee which included Mrs. Shirley Barnard, chairman, Mrs. Frank Crawford, Mrs. Malcolm McTernan, Mrs. Ferdinand Schwarz, Mrs. James Downes, and Miss Blanche Holmes.

Suits Are Filed in Supreme Court

The following cases of interest to Andover were among those entered at the December return day of the superior court, at the office of the clerk of courts at Salem:

Samuel Resnik, Andover, vs. Pill Bros., Inc. of Cambridge, in an action of tort for \$5,000 for personal injuries and damage to auto in a collision of autos on Reading road, Andover, May 18, 1927.

Lena R. Heifetz of Andover, vs. Pill Bros., Inc., of Cambridge, in an action of tort for \$25,000 for personal injuries received in above accident.

Baptists Change Night for Christmas Tree

At a meeting held last night it was voted to change the night for the Christmas tree at the Baptist church from Saturday night to Friday night at seven o'clock.

This will enable the young people of that parish to participate in the Community Christmas tree with no conflicting engagements.

Child Welfare Group Holds Third Meeting

"Child Labor Laws of Massachusetts" formed the basis of study at the third luncheon discussion on Child Welfare held on Thursday, December 15, at the home of Miss Amelia Shapleigh.

The discussion was led by Mrs. Alexander Wardworth who has made on exhaustive study of the subject and brought much of interest and helpfulness to the conference. Massachusetts was a pioneer in her efforts to better the condition of children in industry and most of the measures designed for the protection of children in industry have had inception in this state.

The first Child Labor Law was passed in 1836 for the purpose of prohibiting children from twelve to fifteen years of age from working more than three months of the year. In 1842 a second law limited the working hours to 10 per day for children under 12, while in 1866 an age limit was established for children employed in factories. Since 1900, rapid strides have been made in safeguarding children morally and physically in all lines of employment; working hours have been reduced to 8 per day; physical examinations instituted for those under 16, sweat shops closed to those under 14, children under 18 barred from hazardous vocations. Finally, in 1919 continuation schools were made compulsory and educational certificates raised from the 4th to the 6th grade. The Child Labor Committee was formed in 1908 and incorporated in 1920.

The census of 1920 showed that industries in Massachusetts employed more than 100,000 children, 33,000 of whom were under 16 and over 1,000 under 14 years of age. Only 2 percent were in agricultural occupations, while 70 percent were in mills and factories. In eleven Massachusetts cities of twenty-five to one hundred thousand inhabitants, 6 percent of all the children were employed by manufacturing concerns.

Schooling tends to bring the child to a wider knowledge of the value of education. To a child leaving school at 14, this value has not become clear, and industry is not concerned to teach him. He has only a very rudimentary education, hence is excluded from most opportunity jobs; he has little incentive to advance and less chance, unless through dexterity to his hands.

Statistics show that only a small proportion of children between 14 and 16 are economically forced to go to work; that twice as many accidents occur among workers of this age. It is the age of adolescence, the time of mental and physical growth, the time when there should be less restraint and more freedom for self education. The value of work they can do in industry is small, the type of work destroys any ambition for doing special things, deadens their intellectual interest.

On the other hand the schools are not yet prepared to take care of the adolescent child whose first interest is not in books. Systematic vocational guidance is necessary, that shall aid children in finding their line of work, that shall help children get into and adjust their minds to their jobs.

Contacts must be established between the home, which is the basis of all reforms in civilization; the schools, the industries—all organizations of the community. Those interested in this phase of education must aim for the spread of child psychology, proper recreational activities, a wider knowledge of citizenship, a higher standard of living in the state and country that shall not be a money standard. With this accomplished there will come better schools, more children staying in them for a longer time, wholesome play, wholesome work, and the development of the capacities of children as social beings.

Mechanics Win Match

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Business and Professional Woman's Club Plans Christmas Party

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The members of the committee of arrangements are Mrs. Florence Abbott, general chairman; music, Ethel Cole, Verona Tierney; tree and games, Helen Smith, Alice Elliott, Alice Hurley, Inez Carter; refreshments, Mrs. Avis Sanderson, Esther Batchelder, Elizabeth Mahoney, Bessie P. Goldsmith.

At a meeting of the club held on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Florence Abbott presiding it was voted to change the date for the regular business meeting from the first Tuesday in the month to the second Tuesday in the month. Miss Alice Barrett resigned as treasurer and no one has been appointed to fill the vacancy. It was announced that \$31.00 was made at the recent bridge and dance, a sum which will be turned into the general treasury of the Andover Guild.

The remainder of the evening was spent in gymnasium class and bowling.

The supper club met on Thursday evening at the domestic science laboratory in the Pynchard building under the leadership of Miss Elizabeth Eaton and Mrs. Andrew W. Lawrie.

Christian Endeavor Notes

The regular Sunday evening Christian Endeavor meeting was held in the vestry of South church.

The meeting was led by Miss Mary Pritchard. Her subject was "Good Mottos for Christian Living."

The meeting for next Sunday evening will be led by Polly Francis and the subject will be "God's Kindness and Our Own."

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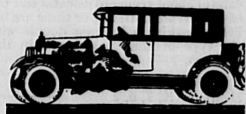
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IMPROVEMENTS BY STATE, COUNTY AND CITY ARE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN BUSINESS SITUATION

Building of Roads, Public Buildings, and General Municipal Improvements Furnish Direct Demand for Common Labor and Indirect Labor Demand in Connection with Purchase and Transportation of Building Materials

Babson Park, Massachusetts, December 16, 1927. Roger W. Babson in today's weekly interview, discusses the question of public improvements as evidenced by state, county and city expenditures. According to Mr. Babson, these are larger today than ever before in history and are an important factor in the business situation. His complete statement is as follows:

Pros and Cons

"In a previous interview on the building situation, I called attention to the apparent discrepancy in building statistics. Although it is generally recognized that the building of homes has declined, yet statistics show that building figures as a whole have increased. The reason for this is that the building of roads, public buildings, and general municipal improvements is on the increase, and thus causes the total building statistics to show an increase, while home building is showing a decline."

"Of course, such building furnishes a direct market for employment and also an indirect labor market through the purchase of materials. Take road building for instance; this causes a direct demand for common labor and an indirect labor demand in connection with the purchase and transportation of rock, tar, cement, and other building materials. Without doubt the price of common labor today is being held up largely by the road building and other general public building which is being carried on at such a rapid pace. The general growth of such work is further evidenced by the reports which have recently come to me from leading Chambers of Commerce representing all sections of the United States."

Many Types of Improvement Popular

"It is very interesting to note from a study of the situation how many different types of public improvements are prevalent at this time. Of course, road building leads all other types of public improvement — practically every city having some road work on its program — but public buildings are also showing an increase. Perhaps the most popular types of buildings at present are public auditoriums, court houses, city halls, post offices and fire stations. A new type of public building found in many cities today, is the World War memorial often in the form of a large auditorium. Millions of dollars are being spent to construct suitable and useful memorials to the men who gave their lives in the Great War. Certainly this is a

form of public improvement which should be encouraged by the citizens of the country. "My analysis of the reports received from the Chambers of Commerce of some eighty representative cities throughout the country, shows that there are also a number of other forms of public improvements in which there is a decided increase. I have in mind such things as sewerage disposal plants, municipal airports, municipal golf courses and athletic fields, and stadiums. A great many cities indicate that new hospitals are being built or that present hospitals are being enlarged."

Flood Control Construction

"As to the future, a large amount of public construction work will have to be done in the states of the lower Mississippi valley. The total flood loss is conservatively estimated at \$400,000,000. Various estimates of the amount of money which Congress may appropriate for dike construction, spillways, etc., have been made. One group is urging that Congress adopt a ten-year program totaling \$500,000,000 and utilizing \$50,000,000 annually. In addition to the construction work necessary to prevent recurrence of disasters of this kind, there is, of course, a large amount of municipal construction to be done by the states, cities and towns in the devastated areas. President Coolidge in his message to Congress pointed out that, 'This is all one country. The public need of each part must be provided for by the public at large. No required relief should be refused.'"

"Recently New England suffered a disaster from flood, lesser in extent, but nevertheless severe. Vermont was particularly hard hit. The greatest damage in this section was done to the highways. The Vermont legislature has already passed a resolution calling for a large appropriation for rebuilding of roads and public works, and a large amount more will be needed. The Federal Government very likely will extend some aid to this section. In the Mississippi flood region the railroads suffered very considerable damage, as was also the case in the New England flood. Railroads have shown great public spirit in these disasters and have cooperated with the agencies of relief to the fullest extent. There is no question but that

public building and construction totals will be greatly augmented during the coming year by construction for flood prevention."

Tax Situation

"As the fellow said when his mother-in-law died and he found he had to pay the funeral expenses, 'there are two sides to every question.' So there are two sides to the public construction situation. During periods of prosperity cities erect new buildings and engage in new developments. This increases employment and tends to strengthen wages and the prices for certain materials. Off hand, one would say that this was a situation to please everyone, but the catch comes in the fact that to construct these new buildings, and developments the cities must raise money. Therefore, taxes are often increased and the future bonded to cover the cost of construction. One of the biggest burdens we all have to carry today, either directly or indirectly, is the tax burden. Our Federal taxes have decreased, with further decreases in sight, but our local taxes are tending to slightly increase. In a study of eighty leading cities of the country twenty-seven have the same tax rate as last year, twenty-six have lowered it slightly, while twenty-seven have an increased rate over last year."

"Another angle of public construction which greatly interests me is the time in which this construction should be carried on. Public money should be expended when it will serve the most. Unfortunately, counties and cities build these public improvements mostly during periods of prosperity. In this way they only add to the labor shortage and are, furthermore, making expenditures when costs are highest. Employing labor and purchasing materials when business is good is spending the public money when it renders the least service. The time for public construction is when labor is finding it difficult to get employment and when goods are hard to sell. Then such money would be rendering a real service in furnishing employment and purchasing materials. I certainly hope that some day we shall be wise enough to stagger our public improvements in accordance with the business cycle."

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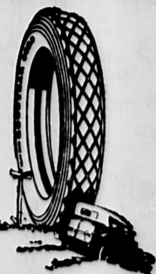
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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

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cordance with the Babsonchart (which today is around normal);—that is to say, run light on public improvements during periods of prosperity and make heavy expenditures for such things during periods of depression. In that way public improvements could be used to aid unemployment and to act as a stabilizer to the entire business situation."

Woman Struck as She Passes in Front of Parked Machine

Struck by a passing machine just as she had alighted from her husband's car last Tuesday noon, Mrs. Loretta Cairnes of Topping road, is a patient at the Lawrence General Hospital. At first it was feared that she might have sustained a fractured skull, but hospital authorities report that her injuries are not serious, and that her recovery is expected.

According to the report given by the driver of the automobile by which she was struck, Mr. J. Harris of 220 Ashland street, Melrose Highlands, he was proceeding south on North Main street near the corner of Kensington, and had slowed down his car intending to stop at the Nugent Furniture company. At this moment a woman alighted from a car parked at the curb and passing in front of it he turned, as he learned later, to catch an electric car, stepping directly in front of the Harris machine.

When he caught sight of the woman his car was less than four feet from being abreast of the parked car and he found it impossible to stop before striking her.

She was carried to the Lawrence General Hospital in the Andover ambulance where she was found to have numerous cuts and bruises some of which were on her head. She was held for observation, and it was found that her injuries were not so serious as were at first anticipated.

Mr. Harris was accompanied by W. J. Pauli of Rosindale and E. E. Paradise of Marlboro.

Barking Dogs Increase Lead

The Barking Dogs are making a runaway race of the Shawshoen bowling league and by taking four from the Fatimas Thursday night increased their lead to 8 points over the Lucky Strikes.

W. Lewis hit 102 for his high single and tied at 278 for high triple with Keith.

The Lucky Strikes won three at the expense of the Camels. Pomeroy's 116 was high single and T. Phillips with 295 had the best triple.

In the match between the Old Golds and the Chertfields, Derbyshire of the former came within 2 pins of the high triple for the season when he hit 318. His good rolling was all lost as his team took but one point. He also had 110 for the best triple.

The scores:

Blades	90	98	86	264
W. Lewis	93	83	102	278
Keith	90	92	96	278
A. Lewis	81	78	93	252
Wilkinson	78	78	101	266

422	438	478	1338
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Marsh	83	78	94	255
J. Phillips	83	80	100	263
Ellis	68	71	89	230
Proulx	76	78	92	246
Greenfield	101	79	89	269

411	386	446	1243
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Mayo	98	86	87	271
Deveau	79	82	79	240
Pomeroy	116	81	92	289
T. Phillips	98	88	110	295
Gilbreath	99	81	96	276

489	418	464	1371
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Pearson	80	103	76	259
Parsons	77	82	80	239
Bushnell	98	83	80	261
Hollingshurst	82	83	86	251
Buck	100	86	105	291

437	437	427	1301
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Green	93	98	87	278
M. Shea	85	81	75	241
Blamire	89	82	86	257
Marshall	88	89	87	264
Robertson	100	109	98	307

455	459	433	1347
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Derbyshire	105	110	103	318
Rennie	82	79	90	251
E. Shea	73	76	89	238
Dennison	83	83	76	242
Briggs	88	88	93	269

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Go-Getters Still Going

The Go-Getters took three from the Lucky Lindys and lead the Clan Johnston Auxiliary league by 9 points. Mrs. M. Cole was high with 90 and 245. The Blue Bells maintained their second place standing by taking three from the Thistles. Miss Cairnie hit 81 and 228. The Argyles by taking three from the Airdreionians advanced to a third place tie with the Lindys.

The scores:

A. Nicoll	69	47	63	179
C. Cairnie	68	79	81	228
J. Davidson	53	56	65	174
M. Harris	59	71	76	196
E. Lamb	74	77	75	226

323	320	360	1003
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R. Meek	64	76	52	192
L. Harris	60	66	52	178
J. Sorrie	68	71	68	204
J. Robertson	68	75	68	211
L. Craik	50	54	50	154

307	342	290	939
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M. Cole	85	90	70	245
I. Campbell	63	64	76	203
L. Hackney	67	51	62	180
A. Petrie	63	65	60	188
I. Caldwell	68	72	73	213
M. Gordon	71	68	74	213

417	410	425	1252
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J. Bisset	53	70	74	197
L. Kydd	75	62	73	212
A. Low	62	52	75	187
I. Petrie	65	79	79	223
M. Christie	77	62	72	211
I. Brown	69	75	74	218

401	400	449	1250
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A. Watt	78	68	77	223
C. Turnbull	58	54	56	168
M. Petrie	72	70	68	210
J. Dobbie	84	72	89	245
E. Valentine	58	65	54	177
A. Guthrie	58	65	54	177

405	402	387	1194
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M. Low	64	56	57	177
J. Wood	58	60	55	173
S. Bisset	79	79	77	235
J. McShane	68	52	63	183
E. Caldwell	58	70	76	204
M. Holden	60	56	68	184

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Go Getters	34	10	12831
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Lucky Lindys	23	21	11974
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